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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A voice control interface device that receives at least one voice command and at least one command from one or more local stereo control buttons positioned within a vehicle and produces at least one output signal to a replacement stereo receiver lacking voice command capability and installed in the vehicle to replace an originally installed stereo receiver so that either of the at least one voice command or the local stereo control button command can be used to control the operation of the replacement stereo receiver.
2. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the voice control interface device ~~receives at least one voice command and~~ outputs at least one wireless signal to a the replacement stereo receiver corresponding to the at least one voice command or the local stereo control button command.
3. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 2, wherein the voice control interface device receives a first wireless signal from a handheld remote control upon a user depressing a first function key on the handheld remote control to change a first function of the operation of the replacement stereo receiver and wherein the voice control interface produces a signal corresponding to the first wireless signal in response to a user speaking a first voice command or input of the one or more local stereo control button commands.
4. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 3, wherein the voice control interface device includes a memory and is programmable so as to store wireless signals corresponding to the at least one voice command and local stereo control button command such that subsequent speaking of the at least one voice command or input of the one or more local stereo control button commands results in a the corresponding wireless signal being sent to the replacement stereo receiver.
5. (Original) The device of Claim 4, wherein the memory is rewritable and the voice control interface device further comprises a switching device to enable the user to selectively reprogram voice commands.

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6. (Original) The device of Claim 5, wherein the voice control interface device includes a wireless receiver and a wireless transmitter so that the voice control interface device can receive the first wireless signal from the handheld remote control and store a corresponding signal in the memory such that the voice control interface device can recall the stored signal and thereby generate a wireless signal corresponding to the first wireless signal so as to change the first function of the stereo receiver.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 6, wherein the voice control interface device is further provided with outputs to control at least one operational aspect of a the vehicle such as turning on a light.

8. (Currently Amended) A stereo system for a vehicle having one or more local stereo control buttons, the stereo system comprising:

a replacement stereo receiver lacking voice control capability and adapted to replace an original stereo receiver, wherein the replacement stereo receiver is mounted in a first location on the vehicle and wherein the replacement stereo receiver is adapted to receive remote control signals to control the operation of the replacement stereo receiver; and

an interface device that is adapted to be positioned within the vehicle so as to be able to receive voice commands and commands from the one or more local stereo control buttons and, in response to receiving the ~~voice~~ commands, send output control signals corresponding to the remote control signals so as to control the operation of the replacement stereo such that either the voice commands or the local stereo control button commands can be used to control the replacement stereo via the interface device.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 8, wherein the voice control interface device receives at least one ~~voice~~ command and outputs at least one wireless signal to a replacement stereo receiver corresponding to the at least one ~~voice~~ command.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 9, wherein the voice control interface device receives a first wireless signal from a handheld remote control upon a user depressing a first function key on the handheld remote control to change a first function of the operation of the replacement stereo receiver and wherein the voice control interface produces a signal corresponding to the first wireless signal in response to a user speaking a first voice command or actuating a first local stereo control button.

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11. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 10, wherein the voice control interface device includes a memory and is programmable so as to store wireless signals corresponding to the at least one ~~voice~~ command such that subsequent speaking occurrence of the at least one ~~voice~~ command results in a corresponding wireless signal being sent to the replacement stereo.

12. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the memory is rewritable and the voice control interface device further comprises a switching device to enable the user to selectively reprogram voice commands.

13. (Original) The system of Claim 12, wherein the voice control interface device includes a wireless receiver and a wireless transmitter so that the voice control interface device can receive the first wireless signal from the handheld remote control and store a corresponding signal in the memory such that the voice control interface device can recall the stored signal and thereby generate a wireless signal corresponding to the first wireless signal so as to change the first function of the stereo receiver.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 9, wherein the voice control interface device is further provided with outputs to control at least one operational aspect of a the vehicle.

15. (Currently Amended) A stereo system for a vehicle having one or more local stereo control buttons, the stereo system comprising:

a replacement stereo receiver lacking voice command capability and adapted to replace an original stereo receiver, wherein the replacement stereo receiver is mounted in a first location on the vehicle and wherein the replacement stereo receiver is responsive to at least one remote control signal such that upon receipt of the at least one remote control signal, the replacement stereo receiver alters the operation of the replacement stereo receiver; and

an interface device, positioned within the vehicle that is responsive to at least one remote voice and one local stereo control button command signal from a person in the vehicle, wherein the interface device transmits a functional equivalent of the at least one remote control signal to the replacement stereo receiver upon receiving the at least one remote command signal from a person in the vehicle.

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16. (Cancelled) The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the at least one remote signal comprises a voice command produced by the person in the vehicle.

17. (Cancelled) The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the at least one remote signal comprises a local control signal from an existing local stereo control button positioned within the vehicle and adapted to control the originally installed stereo.

18. (Currently Amended) The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the vehicle comprises a motorcycle and the at least one remote command signal comprises a signal from at least one switch positioned adjacent the handlebars of the motorcycle.

19. (Currently Amended) The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the interface device is adapted to receive the at least one remote command signal and is further adapted to produce a wireless signal to the replacement stereo receiver corresponding to the at least one remote command signal.

20. (Currently Amended) The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the replacement stereo receiver is adapted to receive a first wireless signal from a handheld remote control upon a user depressing a first function key on the handheld remote control to change a first function of the operation of the replacement stereo receiver and wherein the interface device produces a the functional equivalent remote control signal to corresponding to the first wireless signal in response to a user sending a first remote the at least one command signal.

21. (Currently Amended) The stereo system of Claim 20, wherein the interface device includes a memory and is programmable such that a programmer the interface device can sequentially store wireless signals corresponding to the at least one remote control signal such that subsequent reception of the at least one remote control command signal results in a corresponding wireless signal being transmitted to the replacement stereo receiver.

22. (Original) The stereo system of Claim 21, wherein the interface device includes a program mode wherein the interface device can be programmed by a programmer.

23. (Currently Amended) The stereo system of Claim 22, wherein the interface device includes a wireless receiver and a wireless transmitter so that the interface device can receive the first wireless signal from the handheld remote control and store a corresponding signal in the memory such that the interface device can recall the stored signal and thereby generate a wireless signal corresponding to the first wireless signal so as to change the first function of the replacement stereo receiver.